

**DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING – **DRAFT** MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017  
ROOM 217  
TOWN HALL, WEST HARTFORD, CT**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** 4:30 P.M.

Attendance: Jeffrey Gebrian, Chair; Richard Hughes, Fred Fritz, Kimberly Parsons-Whitaker, and Alternate: Ray Giolitto.

Staff: Todd Dumais, Town Planner; Catherine Dorau, Associate Planner.

**REFERRAL FROM TOWN COUNCIL:**

1. **1445 New Britain Avenue-** *Application on behalf of Seritage SRC Finance LLC ("Applicant"), owner of 1445 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut (the "Property"). The Applicant requests modifications to the existing Special Development District ("SDD #6"), located at 1445 New Britain Avenue. The requested modifications include the redevelopment of both the Sears retail store and the Sears auto center into multiple retail and restaurant tenants. The redeveloped retail building will contain approximately 151,750 square feet and the redeveloped auto center will contain approximately 34,250 square feet (which includes 13,300 SF of unusable basement space). The facades of both buildings will be updated and refurbished. Associated site improvements including modifications to site parking, signage and landscaping are also requested. (Town Council Receipt on December 13, 2016. Town Council public hearing scheduled for January 24, 2017. DRAC receipt on December 22, 2016.) (Previous DRAC study sessions on June 16, 2016, July 14, 2016 and October 27, 2016). **DRAC recommended approval. Vote: 5-0. Motion: Giolitto/Second: Hughes (Giolitto seated for S. Crosby)***

**REVIEW OF DRAC ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2016 – Received.**

**TOWN PLANNERS REPORT:**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

2. December 22, 2016 – **Approved Vote: 4-0. Motion: Fritz/Second: Whitaker. (Gebrian recused himself.)**

**ADJOURNMENT - 5:15 p.m.**

C: Ron Van Winkle, Town Manager  
Kimberly Boneham, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Mark McGovern, Director of Community Services  
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk